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site the flexible display screen, the scan head facing away from the flexible display screen; and an internal cartridge for holding a card fed pass the scan head, the internal cartridge having a clear backing window through which an un-scanned surface of the card is visible,

wherein the spine defines a recess to accommodate a curvature of the screen when the first and second housing portions are pivoted about the spine in a closed condition.

2. An electronic book as claimed in claim 1, wherein the first housing portion defines a card slot, the card slot being defined on an outer face of the first housing opposite the inner face to which the flexible display screen is fast, the card slot providing entry to the internal cartridge.

3. An electronic book as claimed in claim 2, further comprising a roller mechanism positioned in the first housing adjacent the card slot, the roller mechanism operable to retract a card inserted into the card slot into the internal cartridge pass the scan head, the roller mechanism being actuated when the card is inserted into the slot.

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4. An electronic book as claimed in claim 3, wherein a card insertion sensor is positioned in the first housing proximate the card slot to detect the insertion of the card into the card slot and to generate a signal received by the microprocessor circuitry to activate the roller mechanism.

5. An electronic book as claimed in claim 1, wherein the first and second microprocessor circuitry each include a printed circuit board mounted in each housing portion and loaded with processing modules including a central processor unit, a BIOS memory integrated circuit and a RAM.

6. An electronic book, as claimed in claim 5, wherein each printed circuit board is connected to the flexible display screen with conductive traces terminating in peripheral contact regions of the display.

7. An electronic book as claimed in claim 5, wherein a battery compartment is positioned in the spine, the battery compartment being connected to each printed circuit board to supply power to each printed circuit board.

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